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MOORE SAYS HE DIDN'T.

Prosecuting Attorney Moore snorts, cavorts and feems, and denies having written the article in the *Record* headed "Circuit Clerk and Recorder." We don't blame him. We didn't expect anything else. It would be a difficult matter to get anyone to admit being the author of the article. Of course, the publisher of the army press sheet intimates that he wrote it, but everybody knows better. Not because there is anything in the article—for it was a very lame attempt to deceive the people, but because of the absence of the usual pessimistic twang which characterizes all Smith's utterances, and the presence of such legal terms as "aforesaid," which satisfies us that it was written by a jack-leg lawyer. Again, in the statement showing the fees and salaries of the different county officers, all were rated as high or higher than they should have been, except the prosecuting attorney's office, which was rated about three hundred dollars less than it really pays. This was probably done to side-track prospective candidates for the office.

But let that be as it may. For argument's sake, let us admit that Joe did not write the article referred to. Then why does he grow so frantic? Was there anything in our article that he or anyone else could successfully contradict? We say, not one sentence. He will not attempt to deny that he tried a case in a justice's court over which only the United States' court had jurisdiction; neither will he deny the fact that he is eager to grab up cases which belong of right to the municipal authorities and make State cases of them. Why, less than three years ago he attempted to "run the blind calf" over the people to such an extent as to make them believe that he had the right to make a State case out of a misdemeanor, after the accused had been punished by a municipal court—all because it would increase the revenue of the prosecuting attorney's office. Will he attempt to deny this?

Poor Joe! He is a rare duck. He is in the prosecuting attorney's office for revenue only, and he comes mighty near getting what he is there for. However, he gets slipped up on sometimes, and we will relate an instance where Joe came out at the little end of the horn.

It was in a case before Squire Harrison, of Sikston, in which Joe Farmer was the defendant. Farmer had chased a fellow named Cassinger and was striking at him with a knife. It was a case of assault with intent to kill. Prosecuting Attorney Moore appeared to uphold (?) the dignity of the State. As Farmer had employed an attorney to defend him, Joe did not care to take the chances of a trial and concluded that half a loaf was better than no bread at all. He went to the defendant and his attorney and proposed compromise. He told them that defendant was guilty of a very serious crime, and that it would go very hard with him if a charge of assault with intent should be brought against him, but that if he would plead guilty to common assault he would ask of the Justice that the minimum fine be assessed.

Being pretty well acquainted with Moore's ability, the defendant did not seem to have any fear of conviction, but finally agreed to plead guilty provided that the entire expenses, including five dollars for his attorney, should not exceed fifteen dollars. The whole affair was figured out on a one dollar fine basis, and proved to amount to twenty-one dollars. This was too much for the accused, but, after figuring and juggling, he agreed to pay twenty dollars. Moore agreed to knock one dollar off his fee and make it even change. Defendant pleaded guilty and Moore pleaded that the lowest fine be assessed. One dollar and trimmings was the verdict, and the noble representative of the people pocketed the four dollars and went his way, feeling that the dignity of the great State of Missouri had been manfully upheld.

We have in stock a cart load of similar instances and could publish them as a sort of continued story, but the people are familiar with Mr.

Moore's method of managing the prosecuting attorney's office and we can use our space to better advantage.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The County Convention was held in the court house at Benton, Monday, April 16th; J. T. Anderson, chairman, and J. M. Leftwich, secretary.

The chair appointed A. D. Reigh, T. F. Frazer and W. G. Atchison a committee to draft resolutions.

The chairman appointed a delegate from each township to select delegates to the State and Congressional conventions, who reported as follows:

To State Convention, T. F. Frazer, Steve Hunter, Albert De Reigh.

To Congressional Convention: Commerce twp., delegates, J. Anderson and Dr. Frazer; alternates, Gus Old and J. H. Crowder. Tyngpatty twp., delegates, M. L. Ostner and Charles Kirkpatrick; alternates, C. N. Welch and J. F. Watkins. Kelso twp., delegates, Wm. O'Herron and Ig. McKinley; alternates, Peter Gosche and Frank Comas. Sylvania twp., delegates, J. L. Hale and W. H. Stubblefield; alternates, Frank McGraw and Peter Dinsberger. Moreland twp., delegates, Mont P. Wade and Albert De Reigh; alternates, J. M. Leftwich and Phil A. Hafner. Sandyland, delegates, A. J. Sineard and J. D. Peck; alternates, Ben F. Marshall and T. A. Royal. Richland, delegates, A. J. Matthews and W. L. Carroll; alternates, John Marshall and B. F. Wyatt. Morley twp., delegates, L. C. Martin and Lon B. Williams; alternates, W. J. Greer and T. E. Tomlinson.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

That it is the sense of the convention that we still adhere and pledge our allegiance to the time honored principles of the Democratic party as enounced by Thomas Jefferson. That we favor the continuance of the good old money of our forefathers—silver and gold and that we deplore, deplore and condemn the action of President Cleveland in his attitude against silver. That we commend the course of our congressmen and our two U. S. Senators in relation to the silver legislation before the 53rd Congress.

That we look upon the action of David B. Hill on the tariff as that of a traitor to his party, and that the President's course in vetoing the seigniorage bill was treason to the Democratic party. And further, that it is the sense of the Democracy of Scott county that the delegates chosen to the State convention at Kansas City express and advocate these resolutions.

That we reaffirm the principles, State and national platform of 1892, with the modification that we believe that the coinage of both gold and silver should be regulated by our national Congress, and that independent of a conference of nations; believing, as we do, that the gold countries of the earth are opposed to the cheapening of the purchasing power of their money metal, and that a conference would prove of no advantage to our country.

That, as citizens of Scott county, we are justly proud of the record made by the Hon. Marshall Arnold in his honest, manly and able support of the interests of his constituents; in his firm and fearless adherence to Democratic principles in spite of adverse influences, and confidently recommend him to the Democrats of this Congressional district for reindorsement.

That this convention recognizes in Prof. E. L. Wolfe a faithful and efficient public servant and, conformably to Democratic precedent, instructs its delegates to the State convention to cast the vote of Scott county for him in said convention.

That convention instructs for J. L. Eaton for R. R. Commissioner and for Hon. F. M. Black for Supreme Judge.

STRAYED

From Morley, Mo., one bay mare and a half-Texas roan mare branded J. U., and wearing a white looking halter when seen last. Last seen near the Cox farm. A reward of five dollars will be paid upon their return to V. L. Harris, Morley, Mo.

FROM ORAN.

We were shown statistics this week which state that over two and a half billions of dollars are deposited in the Savings Banks of this country to the credit of the laboring class. This would show much prosperity if it were only true, but if the laboring class own all this much and the millionaires own all they are said to own there would be two times as much money in circulation as there is now. There is a mistake somewhere.

Your scribe walked from Parker's Station to Oran Tuesday and is in poor shape to write news items.

Most of our citizens are in Benton this week.

Rumor says that Pa. Clark and one of our merchants had a little swap Monday night.

Prof. Scholz presided at the organ for the Baptist Sunday school last Sunday. The Prof. always gives satisfaction in music.

The Republican League club and the Republican Glee club will meet in Ashley's Hall Friday evening, May 11, 1894.

We are told that the Populists have proposed to join the Republican party in order to defeat the Democratic party in this county. If this is true the populists had as well stop abusing the old parties. I am not better than my associates and my associates are no better than I, you see.

James Martin and L. P. Howie went to Charleston Monday.

O. A. Proffer and family left this place for Willow Springs, Mo., last week. Mr. Proffer was a good citizen and we regret losing him.

Father Brandt, visited Mrs. John Bechel of Caney Station, Monday. Mrs. B. was reported dangerously ill at that time but is now better.

Uncle Jimmie Friend, who will be 99 years old next June, is digging a ditch between Oran and the hill. The old gentleman handles a spade equal to the best men in the country. He says that he has been without teeth so long that he has most forgotten whether he ever had any or not. He is one of the few old men who do not want to marry.

We understand there was an enthusiastic meeting of the Democrats in Oran last Saturday evening, but too few to organize. Four Democrats and three Republicans were present. This shows what a bad President will do for his party.

There are indications of a wedding in Oran among the elites. Will give particulars later.

Mrs. Bles, who had her thumb and fingers torn off last week by a dynamite cap, is doing well at this writing.

Mr. Blackburn, who has pneumonia, is convalescent.

Mrs. Wm. Stubblefield and Miss Sallie Shumate spent Tuesday in the country visiting Mrs. Moore.

The Catholic church will probably be under roof by the time this reaches the reader.

Oranites are a church going people. You can find some members of all denominations represented here at church each Sunday. This is right—selfishness and religion do not go together.

Snipe hunting is a favorite sport with our young men these days. Elwood Alley and Will Gassaway seem to be the best shots so far. Use.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN

Of the Missouri Weather Service.

The continuance of cool weather during the week was against the crops but the rainfall greatly benefited the wheat, oats and grasses. Frosts did little damage. Wheat, except that early sown, is recovering from the effects of the cold wave. Some had to be plowed up and corn planted. Oats suffered more severely and much corn has been planted in their place. Corn sowing is well forward in the central and southern counties. Cotton planting has begun in New Madrid county. Grasses are improving. Much clover and timothy has been sown and many potatoes replanted.

FROM BLODGETT.

J. Rogers' new residence is nearing completion and he expects to move into it in a short time.

Sarah Darnell went to Oran Sunday to visit her mother. Rumor says her mother is very ill.

The St. L. & I. M. pay car passed through last Sunday on its monthly trip.

Silas White, candidate for re-election as collector, was in our vicinity looking after his fences.

Rev. Leake, of Diehlstadt, was up and preached at the M. E. church Sunday morning and night.

J. E. Crafton went to Morley Friday.

A. L. Crafton has received 2004 pounds of melon seed from Philadelphia.

Dr. Clark left for Oran Sunday. He goes to Benton Monday.

Dr. Wright and wife left for Little River Tuesday. He had a good run and sold quite a number of belts, giving entire satisfaction.

Miss Mina Newton, of Morley, visited friends here over Sunday.

S. H. Reams and wife went to Diehlstadt Sunday to visit Mr. C. C. Poe.

Among the number of our citizens attending court at Benton we notice B. T. Marshall, M. Adams, Chas. and Albert Hawkins.

We have a machine agent whose business increased in one week, from carrying a machine, as a sample, on his shoulder to driving a fine double rig. If this is not booming things we should like to know why not?

One of our deserters lately made a break in his chosen road to prosperity. After performing the required amount of labor to constitute a very nice finish, he was then asked to ascend to the roof to do some polishing thereon but twenty feet from terra firma. His legs failed him and he mentioned a large sum of money that must first be placed on deposit to secure his safe return in case of accident. This caused a lull in business for a short time until our railroad agent, Mr. Schroeder, came along and voluntarily ascended and did the work neatly as though it was an every day amusement. If allowed the privilege, we would say this is a blow at the crippled industries of our country.

Phil Duke, of Morley, was visiting here Sunday.

Mrs. M. Adams and Mrs. R. Stubblefield Sunday for Olive Branch, Ill., to pay their sister a visit of a week or ten days.

Misses Shumate and Forrester and their escorts, Messrs. Watkins and Davis, were down from Oran Sunday visiting the parents of Mr. Watkins.

H. Schroeder went to Charleston Tuesday evening to attend the K. of P. Lodge.

This section is inhabited by a rising baseball club of which it should be proud. This club is all that could be expected for one its age, and it has hopes of being better known in days and years to come. The recent organization of this wonderful club will long be remembered as the means of the sale of many articles of wearing apparel—such as tight fitting pants of emerald green and loose fitting waist of various colors is most desirable. Also the ancient P-P hat has wended its way back into popularity and is used for a briar protector just as it was one hundred and forty years ago. There is no doubt that a glowing future awaits this band of sky rockets.

Voters of Sandyland township seem to be almost unanimously in favor of Judge John E. Marshall for Representative, as is also the whole of the district. Judge is a very able man and his ideas are to benefit the farmers.

—If you want to buy hats for Ladies, Men and Children you will find a magnificent stock at G. Mandelshon's, ORAN, MO.

—Mike Heisserer is suffering severely with his rheumatic knee.

FROM MORLEY.

The carpenters are all busy at Morley.

The farmers in the vicinity of Morley are doing planting.

Many of our citizens are attending court at Benton and trying the grab of the Bentonsites.

The political machines are in motion. We have had some preliminaries to arrange for the perpetuity of this government.

A few lost or strayed "bams" can be found at Morley.

Mr. Dunlap has moved to the Perdue property.

Morley is going to have a \$1,000 brick schoolhouse besides a brick block in contemplation. Truly Morley is going to have a building boom.

Our literary society has adjourned for the present season.

USING ALEX.

Visiting Lawyers.

In attendance at Circuit court up to Thursday we noticed the following legal talent from other counties: R. B. Oliver and Wilson Crummett; Jackson, Martin Clardy, Farmington; J. B. Dennis, Cape Girardeau; J. I. Fort, Dexter; J. V. Connam, and W. C. Cobb, New Madrid; Richard Darnell, Parnell and Roy Jones, Union City; Tom J. A. Brown, Paul B. Moore, Geo. S. Elliott, H. C. O'Bryan and J. J. Russell, Charleston and E. S. Cronk, St. Louis.

—That \$30,000 order pass of the Chicago river Oran is being utilized in a unique and instructive manner by that great newspaper. It is being used to print a "Little Paper for Little People" with four full pages in color, and beginning with Sunday, April 22nd, this paper will contain the first installment of a children's story, written especially for it by a newspaper man, Sam Clevor. A unique feature of this story is that it is to be named by Chicago school children after reading. The title of the "Mystery Supplement," a new adventure, makes this Sunday paper Oran a most interesting and well-known visitor for every member of the family.

—A train will be run over the Peninsula on Thursday, April 24th, connecting with the Old Fellows' excursion train to Fredricktown, which leaves Morley at 9 o'clock a. m. with E. Daugherty as conductor.

—C. H. Travis, the part-time dead but who worked this community a year ago and was turned loose through the supine action of our supine prosecuting attorney, is in jail at Morley, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. He has been in trouble before and again since that time, but being a great artist with the water cart, he seems to escape every time.

—Dr. Clark came over from Oran Wednesday and entertained the crowd with some of his banjo selections. At intervals he would introduce and sell his medicines. The doctor informs us that people patronize him who will refuse to subscribe for a paper.

—A gentleman about sixty years old named F. L. Stewart, of Philadelphia, fell off the Fort Worth Express at De Soto Sunday night and sustained fatal injuries. He had \$4,680 on his person.

—Hon. Marsh. Arnold is again in the Fourteenth District looking with pride at the splendid condition of his fences.

—The Congressional convention of the Fourteenth District will meet at West Plains on May 29th.

—Cape Girardeau voted for waterworks Tuesday by about 200 over the two-thirds requisite majority.

—The Southeast Missouri Press Association had a highly successful and interesting meeting at De Soto last week. We regret that "circumstances over which," etc., prevented us from meeting the boys and telling them how we secured the only paid up subscription list in the Southeast.

FARMERS! Now is your time to buy your shoes and clothing 25 percent cheaper than any house in Scott County.

G. MANDELSON, Oran, Mo.

—For Osborne Binder repairs call on Rollen Cannon, Benton.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Bro. McMillan, of the Jefferson Democrat, is one of the few lucky editors who have time and money. He recently made a five thousand mile trip to, through and from California.

Dexter has had another fire. Brick buildings, boys, brick buildings!

Poplar bluff is importing sugar and bread from St. Louis. That's right. The insurance men will return if you build in brick.

Hay is worth \$18 a ton in Poplar bluff, according to the Citizen.

The strawberry crop in Southeast Missouri will be short this season. Reports from Lutesville are bad.

Tom Allen, of the Maple Hill Press, was fined three dollars for libeling Dr. McAnally. He took an appeal.

Bellevue county claims to raise a superior grade of maple syrup. The so-called maple syrup of trade is a delusion and a snare, and wouldn't know a maple tree if it met with it.

The Old Fellows of Southeast Missouri will be at Fredericktown in great force on the 20th. The town will put her best foot foremost.

Grandville, Iron county, is the Abolition of America. It has a hotel with rooms for 100 guests, has handsome residences and a store carrying a ten thousand dollar stock. It has in a lovely Arcadian valley.

The Malden News, of which we get a copy about once in six months, says Malden should hustle. She must, or get left by Kennett.

We suppose Bro. McGuire, of the Cash Book, has joined the A. P. A. It's just his style.

The New Ill. will carry up 700 head of cattle on a recent trip.

According to the church census taken by Cape Girardeau, under the denominations in the central portion of the city are thus represented: Lutherans, 694; Catholics, 496; Methodists, 188; Presbyterians, 155; Baptists, 130; Episcopalians, 51; Campbellites, 31.

The Cape Girardeau evangelist is in operation and turns out splendidly.

A terrible suspicion is now abroad that Jasper Banks means to run for Congress. Fancy Jasper in the lobby at Washington!

—Bro. Eugene Lacey, of the Silveston Star, was in Benton Monday, attending the county convention.

—The Moreland township convention last Saturday sent J. H. Norrell, A. De Reigh, J. M. Leftwich and Mont. Wade to the county convention, with instructions to endorse Hon. Marsh. Arnold and State Supt. Wolfe.

—Our visitors complain of the infernal noise made of nights by the many, flea-bitten mongrel curs that infest Benton as they do Stumblin'.

—Dr. G. H. Butler, of Adamsville, Tenn., paid a visit to his son, Dr. G. H. Butler, Jr., of Benton, the end of last week.

—Mrs. Thos. May, of Clarksville, Ark., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leftwich. The post-sy-wootse baby came too.

—Charley Profit returned from Hot Springs Sunday, and reports George Mier improving.

—The 15 year old son of Mrs. Mary Schlosser was buried at New Hamburg Monday.

—Bonds have been issued and the contract let for the erection of a new school house at Pleasant Hill, the cost not to exceed \$300.

—Iron County Register. The newspapers down in Dunklin county, the home of Capt. Phillips, candidate for Congress are getting excited over the campaign. They are in favor of the Capt., and want to see him nominated, but the way they are pawing up the earth augurs ill for their man. No use pawing, fellows, the record Mr. Arnold has made suits the people too well for them to want to change off on another and untitled man.

—Miss Jeanie Asher, of Thebes, Ill., was the guest of Mrs. James Walker last week.

—Dr. Sidney Wade came home on Tuesday. He has been visiting in Franklin county and at Calcedonia since he took his diploma.

—For April court the weather is remarkably fine. Good roads, too.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Court met Monday morning with a large attendance on the part of the principals, witnesses, jurors, counsel and the general public. Work was promptly taken up and has been pushed along with vigor, but the docket is a heavy one, and up to the time of going to press Friday neither of the murder cases had been reached. The following is a condensed report of the more interesting ones so far disposed of:

State vs John Taylor—grand larceny—plea guilty and sentence of 3 years.

State vs C. D. Taylor—rape—continued by defense.

State vs Irv. Wilson—seduction of ward—continued by State.

State vs W. C. Anderson and John Huddist—grand larceny—continued by defense.

State vs N. G. Hopper—level ex-habitation—continued by consent.

State vs Calvin Blaine—petit larceny—plea of guilty and fine of \$5.

State vs Geo. Wright—selling liquor without license, several charges on one of which a fine of \$40 was imposed and others continued.

State vs Joe Porth—selling liquor to intoxicated person, two cases—fined \$1 in one the other continued.

State vs Ang. Bohmhardt—forgery—continued and bond fixed at \$500.

State vs Tom Jones—rape—jury disagreed. State withdrew indictment on capital charge and substituted charge of adultery on which defendant was fined \$25.

State vs Wm. Mitchell—forgery—plea of guilty and sentence of two years.

State vs Jos. Ralid—incest—court appointed Albert DeReigh and R. Darnell to defend accused.

State vs Wm. Layde—murder—court appointed A. D. Reigh and Geo. Elliott to defend accused.

State vs Will Stinson, Walter and D. Robinson and Lily Brooks—grand larceny—fines of \$25.

In the cases of W. H. Stubblefield and J. L. Crow for laboring on Sunday, Philip Westrich for gambling and John Westrich for hunting on Sunday, court found defendants not guilty.

In the civil case of E. F. Scott vs E. B. Mills judgement was rendered against defendant on note for \$865.

NOTES.

The judge does not seem to take much stock in spitwear cases, and generally finds for defendants.

Charley Owens had a series of epileptic fits Wednesday night which nearly killed him. Fright seems to precipitate these fits, as he had a similar series when he thought the teachers were after him, and was quite ill in Jackson jail.

The lawyers complain that business at this time is mostly of the thank-you order—so many imprudent prisoners being among the accused.

Judge Shackelford, who was to have tried the Taylor rape case, did not come, and J. J. Russell was selected as special judge.

Nearly every house in Benton had out its late-string, and our visitors were all accommodated.

Candidates for county officers are a prominent feature at this time of court. They invariably sympathize with both parties to a suit.

—Hills are out for a Grand Ball at Ashley's Hall, Oran on Wednesday, May 2nd. It will take the place of the usual Easter ball. Those who have attended the Oran balls during the past two years need not be told that they are well conducted, well patronized and thoroughly enjoyable.

—Two choice mares for sale, will work well anywhere. Just the animals for family use. Cash or good notes.

W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.

—If you think of buying furniture, it will pay you to inspect the stock of Anderson Bros., at Commerce, and get prices. They can and will save you money.

—Dr. C. D. Harris is associated with Dr. C. C. Harris in the practice of medicine at Morley. All responsible calls attended, day or night.

—Farmers using the Osborne self-binder can find all the parts in stock at Cannon's Lumber Yard, Benton.